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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ryuichi EBINUMA et al.

Application No.: 09/817,018

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: SUPPORTING STRUCTURE OF OPTICAL
ELEMENT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS
HAVING THE SAME, AND MANUFACTURING)
METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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: Examiner: H. Nguyen
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) April 24, 2003
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The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice dated February 4, 2003, and entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

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